



HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1973

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HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(as composed 31st December, 1973)

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

of the

HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

as at 31st December, 1973

Medical Officer of Health

J. B. KERSHAW, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
(also Medical Officer of Health, Market Bosworth R.D.C. &
Assistant County Medical Officer, Leicestershire C.C.)

Chief Public Health Inspector

L. F. WHITMORE, M.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

F. D. T. GEORGE, A.M.I.P.H.E.

Additional Public Health Inspector

K. NICHOLS, M.A.P.H.I.

Pupil Public Health Inspector

R. P. MASON ... 31/3/73

Technical Assistants

G. A. HULME

D. FORSYTHE ... 7/12/73

Rodent Operator

W. H. SANDS

Clerks

Mrs. E. E. CLARK

Miss K. D. JONES

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ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1973

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1973.

Health - wise it was a satisfactory year for the population. There were no serious outbreaks of infectious disease and the notification rate was low. The autumn did not bring the usual increase of activity by the department in investigating possible imported disease by holiday-makers and identifiable influenza did not occur to any great extent until early 1974.

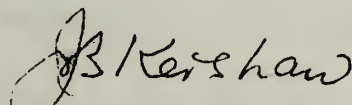
There was still an appreciable amount of complaint from the residents of certain areas because of iron discoloration of mains water. The Leicester Water Authority continued to take steps to obviate this.

Enquiries made of the Factories Inspectorate revealed that there were no industrial processes likely to cause hazards to the resident population by lead contamination.

There were no serious public health hazards of the type that were prevalent in Victorian days. A miscalculation in the programme of provision of new enlarged sewage works for the town in the Sketchley area produced a wide-spread unpleasant odour during the summer months but this was dealt with efficiently by the Surveyor's Department.

Details of the environmental position are provided by Mr. L.F. Whitmore the retiring Chief Public Health Inspector and I must express gratitude to him for his friendly advice in this field.

I am also grateful to the Members of the Council for their interest and support.


Medical Officer of Health

15th March, 1974

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

The water supplied to the district from Leicester Corporation sources has been adequate and satisfactory, apart from discoloration occurring periodically, mainly in one area of the town. The Leicester Water Dept. were proposing to install a plant for the removal of iron at source.

69 samples of mains water were taken and were satisfactory, both as regards bacteriological and chlorine content.

48 samples from wells were satisfactory.

2. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Improvements to the Sketchley Works were still in progress during the year, and it was anticipated that they would be in operation around May 1975.

3. CESSPOOLS AND CLOSETS

There remain 18 pail closets and 109 cesspools and septic tanks within the district. Water closets serve all other houses.

4. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection fleet comprises 2 Pakamatic vehicles, 3 S. & D. fore and aft tippers, 3 Bantam Karriers. 1 Bantam vehicle works on the tip.

A weekly collection service is maintained as far as possible, but variations occur due to staffing difficulties.

Trade refuse is also collected weekly and all bins after the first charged at 4p each.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

654 Complaints were received in respect of private premises and 964 in respect of Council owned premises.

Nuisances or defects were dealt with at 967 premises.

INSPECTIONS MADE

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	20
Bakehouses	36
Dairies (incl. Milk Samples)	113
Drainage Works	518
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	2619
Infectious Disease Inquiries	44
Food Poisoning Inquiries	11
Food Premises (all purposes)	704
Offensive Trades	-
Rodent Control	146
Refuse Collection	76
Schools	-
Offices, Shops & Rly. Prem.	103
Slaughterhouses, Meat Inspection and Knacker Yard	516
Smoke Control	1016
Verminous & Dirty Premises	75
Caravans	25
Water Supplies	144
Factories & Workplaces	10
Other Inspections	3062
TOTAL 	9238

NOTICES

Public Health Acts

Notices outstanding on January 1st.	...	9
" issued during year	...	27
" complied with during year	...	30
Number outstanding on December 31st.	...	6

REGULATED BUILDINGS

There were no regulated buildings in the area.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Infestations of varying kinds were dealt with at 179 premises.
45 Council houses were involved.

6. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	No. Registered	No. of Inspections	Accidents Reported	Contraventions		
				Found & Bt.fwd	Remedied	Out standing
Offices	116	26	6	22	10	12
Retail Shops	270	42	7	93	28	65
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	17	5	2	9	7	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	36	14	-	5	2	3
Fuel Storage Depots	4	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	443	87	+ 15	129	47	82

+ Of the 15 accidents reported, none were serious enough to require formal action.

7. PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

3 Licences were issued during the year and each premises was satisfactorily conducted.

8. ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

6 premises in the area are licensed and 18 inspections were made of the premises.

9. FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of premises inspected	...	...	93
" " inspections made	...	...	131
Informal notices served	...	...	18
Notices complied with	...	...	17
Notices outstanding on 31st December	...	...	1

ICE CREAM

234 premises were registered for retail sale of ice-cream.

10. MILK & DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

Number of dairies and distributors registered	45
Inspections carried out	19

91 bacteriological milk samples (24 of untreated and 67 of pasteurised milks). 5 were unsatisfactory.
No samples of raw milk showed evidence of Brucella Abortus.

11. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 4 slaughterhouses in the area which are licensed and comply with the standards required by the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) and Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

All animals killed totalling 3,908 were inspected with the following results:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	554	-	-	3185	169
Number inspected	554	-	-	3185	169
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	40	-	-	43	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	7.22	-	-	1.35	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

12. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

127 visits were made in respect of 39 complaints of noise, either from industry or private premises. All were dealt with informally.

13. SWIMMING BATHS

106 samples of water were taken from 7 swimming pools, generally they were satisfactory.

14. RODENT CONTROL

A full time Rodent Operator is employed with part time help from the Technical Assistant. 316 infestations necessitated 12 visits by Public Health Inspectors and 1811 by the Rodent Operator and Technical Assistant.

68 premises have a contract with the Dept. to deal with any infestations.

15. HOUSING

INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES

Number of houses inspected	...	87
" " inspections made	...	141
" " houses found unfit for habitation	...	14

61 houses were rendered fit by their owners
18 " " demolished

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

55 applications were received for Discretionary Grants

65 " " " " Standard Grants.

16. FACTORIES

There are 503 factories registered

Number of inspections carried out	...	11
" " defects found	...	1
" " notices served	...	1

17. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There are 4 atmospheric recording stations in the district. The only excessive emissions of industrial smoke occurred as a result of mechanical breakdown to the plant. At one factory new plant was provided to give adequate boiler capacity to the factory.

18. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Samples obtained during year.

98 samples of food and 24 of drugs were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination. 7 samples were reported as not complying with labelling regulations and as having slight deficiencies in declared content.

FOOD COMPLAINTS

13 complaints were investigated.

Court proceedings were taken in the following cases:-

1. Meat Pie with foreign matter inside
Fine imposed = £20. plus Advocate's fee.
2. Greyish mould layer over 4oz. jar of Seabreeze Cockles
Fine imposed = £10.
3. Waterproof dressing with Fresh Chicken
Fine imposed = £25.
4. Foreign object in loaf of bread
Fine imposed = £25.
5. Wire Wool in sliced loaf of bread
Fine imposed = £25.

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APPENDIX I.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the
Factories Act, 1961

INSPECTIONS

PART I.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect -ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	47	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	456	7	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	503	11	1	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector -or	by H.M. Inspector -or	
(S.1) Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
(S.2) Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
(S.3) Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
(S.4) Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
(S.6) Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
(S.7) Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	-	-

PART VIII. of the Act
OUTWORK
 (Sections 110 & 111.)

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		Prose- cutions
	No. of Out- workers in Aug. list required by S.110	No. of cases of default in send- ing list to Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	
Wearing Apparel Making etc. Cleaning and Washing	39	-	-	-	-	-

1917 Calendar

Month	January		February		Days of the Week	Notes
	1	2	1	2		
Jan						
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

